

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROFESSIONAL ENTRY-LEVEL MS PROGRAM

The Professional Entry-Level (PEL) Master's Program is designed for individuals who have received a bachelor's degree in another area of study and are interested in pursuing a career in occupational therapy. The program duration is just over two years and will prepare students to sit for the national certification examination. This program is designed for full-time study beginning during the summer session.

Admission

Completed applications are due by February 1st. Applications are available online through the Office of Admission (<http://www.ithaca.edu/gradadmission>).

- A completed bachelor's degree with a minimum GPA of 3.00
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores: 2325. GREs must be taken within the past five years.
- Completion of the following prerequisite coursework with a grade of C or higher (All prerequisites must have been taken within the past ten years.):
 - 3 credits of General Biology
 - 8 credits of Anatomy and Physiology
 - 3 credits of General Psychology
 - 3 credits of Developmental Psychology or Human Development Across The Life Span
 - 3 credits of Abnormal Psychology
 - 3 credits of Sociology or Anthropology
 - 3 credits of Statistics
 - 3 credits of Introduction to Research Methods
- An on-campus or video/chat interview (to be scheduled by the graduate chair)

Additional Application Materials Needed

- Completion of online application
- Official transcripts from all colleges attended
- Two letters of recommendation, one preferably from a health care practitioner
- Two additional letters of recommendation if applying for an assistantship

Assistantships

Each year the department awards graduate assistantships to the Professional Entry-Level students on a competitive basis that comprise both scholarship and taxable salary. Students awarded graduate assistantships fulfill duties in the department as assigned. All students applying for assistantships must submit two additional letters of recommendation.

Major Department Requirements

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| OTMS 50000 | Functional Human Anatomy | 5 |

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| OTMS 50500 | Occupational Therapy Theory | 4 |
| OTMS 51000 | Neuroscience | 3 |
| OTMS 52000 | Kinesiology | 4 |
| OTMS 52200 | Psychiatry in Occupational Therapy | 3 |
| OTMS 53000 | Applied Interventions in Occupational Therapy | 3 |
| OTMS 53500 | Group Process in Occupational Therapy | 4 |
| OTMS 54000 | Concepts in Adult Occupational Therapy | 4 |
| OTMS 54500 | Concepts in Pediatric Occupational Therapy | 4 |
| OTMS 55000 | Adult Evaluation and Intervention Processes in Occupational Therapy | 3 |
| OTMS 55500 | Pediatric Evaluation and Intervention Processes in Occupational Therapy | 3 |
| OTMS 56500 | Research Seminar | 1 |
| OTMS 57100 | Adult Clinical Conditions | 3 |
| OTMS 57500 | Pediatric Clinical Conditions | 2 |
| OTMS 65500 | Technological Interventions in Occupational Therapy | 3 |
| OTMS 66500 | Gerontic Occupational Therapy | 3 |
| OTMS 65000 | Advanced Pediatric Evidence Based Practice or OTMS 65100 Advanced Adult Evidence Based Practice | 3 |
| OTMS 62600 | Professional Practice in the Community | 3 |
| OTMS 62500 | Clinical Management in Occupational Therapy | 3 |
| OTMS 62000 | Advanced OT Theory and Practice | 3 |
| Graduate Electives | | |
| Select 2 courses from the following: ¹ | | 4 |
| OTMS 64100 | Adaptation and Environmental Modification | |
| OTMS 64300 | Cognitive Rehabilitation | |
| OTMS 64500 | Vocational Readiness | |
| OTMS 64600 | Play and Leisure | |
| OTMS 68400 | School-Based Occupational Therapy | |
| OTMS 68500 | Hand Therapy | |
| OTMS 68800 | Occupational Therapy in Early Intervention | |
| Clinical Fieldwork Courses | | |
| OTMS 60000 | Clinical Fieldwork II - Children and Adolescents | 6 |
| OTMS 69000 | Clinical Fieldwork II - Adult/Geriatric | 6 |
| OTMS 69500 | Clinical Fieldwork II - Elective Specialty or OTMS 69600 Elective Internship | 4 |
| Research | | |
| Select one of the following: | | 6 |
| OTMS 67200 | Individual Thesis Research I & OTMS 67300 and Individual Thesis Research II | |
| OTMS 67100 | Group Research I & OTMS 67120 and Group Research II | |
| Total Credits | | 90 |

¹ Specific courses vary depending upon student and faculty interests.

Clinical Fieldwork

Clinical fieldwork is an essential part of professional training, and students must complete three level II fieldwork experiences in preparation for their degree and certification. Fieldwork centers maintain contractual relationships with Ithaca College, and students are placed in fieldwork centers by the fieldwork coordinator well in advance of the beginning of these placements. Once placements are confirmed, students cannot alter them. Clinical Fieldwork is graded on a satisfactory (S) or unsatisfactory (U) scale. Students will be assigned to fieldwork based on a lottery system and the availability of placements. Students should expect to do their fieldwork at a distance from their homes and Ithaca. They are responsible for making their own housing and travel arrangements, although the department and the fieldwork center are usually able to provide some help. Students and their families need to plan ahead for this process.

The Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) requires that all level II fieldwork experiences be completed within 24 months of the completion of the academic portion of the curriculum. Students who fail to complete graduate fieldwork within this period are subject to dismissal from the program.